

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.


Claim 1 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,716,332. To overcome this rejection a terminal disclaimer is provided herewith.

Claims 2-16 have been added, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, and accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-16 should now be allowed.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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